

# State of California



## Fair Political Practices Commission

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June 5, 1984

Phyllis Matteis  
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Re: Advice Letter No. A-84-146

Dear Mrs. Matteis:

Chairman Stanford asked me to respond to your recent request for information concerning Senator Ray Johnson's campaign filing responsibilities.

### FACTS

Senator Ray Johnson, a registered Independent, is currently gathering signatures in an attempt to have his name placed on the November 6, 1984, ballot. He will not take part in the primary election which will be held on June 5, 1984. Recently, you contacted the Placer County Clerk's Office in an effort to review Senator Johnson's campaign disclosure forms,<sup>1/</sup> but the Clerk was unable to provide you with the particular statements that you are interested in. In a telephone conversation with the Clerk's office, I was advised that the last campaign statements filed with that office by Senator Johnson covered the period from July 1, 1983, to December 31, 1983.<sup>2/</sup> Presumably, the statements in which you are interested cover the period from January 1, 1984, to the present.

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<sup>1/</sup> Senator Johnson is required to file his campaign statements in Placer County because it is his county of domicile.

<sup>2/</sup> Our records also indicate that these were the last filings made by Senator Johnson.

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### DISCUSSION

Because Senator Johnson will not be involved in an election until November 6, 1984, his 1984 campaign filing requirements, under the Political Reform Act, are as follows:

#### March and May Threshold Statements:

Senator Johnson was required to file a statement on March 22, 1984 (covering the period from January 1 - March 17), and a statement on May 24, 1984 (covering the period from March 18 - May 19) only if, during the relevant period, his committee (1) made expenditures of \$500 or more, or received or made contributions of \$500 or more, and (2) made a contribution of \$100 or more to, or an independent expenditure of \$100 or more on behalf of, at least one other candidate, controlled committee, or committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure. If Senator Johnson did not meet these threshold requirements, he was not required to make any filings and this may account for the fact that he has not filed any statements for the period from January 1, 1984, to the present.

#### Semi-Annual Statement:

Senator Johnson will be required to file a semi-annual statement on July 31, 1984, regardless of whether his committee has any contribution or expenditure activity during the period from January 31, 1984, to June 30, 1984.

#### September and October Threshold Statements:

Because Senator Johnson will participate in an election during the second-half of 1984, he will have to file statements on September 22, 1984, (covering July 1 - September 17) and October 25, 1984, (covering September 18 - October 20) if his committee makes expenditures of \$500 or more, or receives or makes contributions of \$500 or more, during the relevant periods.

#### Semi-Annual Statement:

Senator Johnson will be required to file a semi-annual statement on January 31, 1985, regardless of whether his committee has any contribution or expenditure activity during the period from July 1 to December 31, 1984.

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I hope that this discussion is of help to you. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 322-5901.

Very truly yours,

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Attention: Dan Stanford

Gentlemen:

Before me is your Advice Letter No. A-84-030 in which you have told me that Senator Ray Johnson, as a candidate for independent election to Senate #1, should be filing campaign disclosure statements.

Yesterday, I researched at the Auburn Elections Office and could not find evidence that he has done this. His residence is in Roseville and according to your letter, he should file in Placer County because of this.

As President of Auburn Area Republican Women, Fed. I feel that the members of my club have the right to find out the source of Johnson's support in-as-much-as we are all receiving scads of his campaign literature in the mail.

This is a request for you to investigate this and to take any action that is proper. Placer County Elections Officers have said that Johnson need not file because he will not be on a ballot in June. I say, he is actively campaigning, has opened an office with a treasurer (indicated on his literature, enclosed) and he should be compelled to reveal his financial activities.

Sincerely,

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